

By Representative Hill

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and commending the
3 Bragan family and the Jacksonville Suns upon
4 the occasion of their winning the 1996 Southern
5 League Championship.

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7 WHEREAS, the Bragan Family, Peter D. Bragan, Sr., Mary
8 Frances Bragan, Peter D. Bragan, Jr., and Bonita Bragan, is
9 well known throughout the City of Jacksonville for its
10 generous community spirit and dedication to excellence, and

11 WHEREAS, the Bragans have owned and operated
12 Jacksonville's baseball club, the Jacksonville Suns, since
13 September 1984, and 2,493,944 fans have enjoyed regular season
14 baseball at Wolfson Park since that time, and

15 WHEREAS, the Suns have been members of the Southern
16 League for the past twenty-seven seasons, the longest current
17 streak of any city in the league, and have completed their
18 second season as an affiliate of the Detroit Tigers, with the
19 1996 roster including: Staff: Larry Parrish (2nd half
20 Manager), Bill Plummer (1st half Manager), Jeff Jones
21 (Pitching Coach), Mark Meleski (Coach), and Bryan Goike
22 (Trainer); Pitchers: Brian Barnes, Kenny Carlyle, Blas
23 Cedenno, Matt Drews, Mike Drumright, Ramon Fermin, Eddie
24 Gaillard, Rick Greene, Jim Gutierrez, John Kelly, Brian
25 Moehler, Scott Norman, Brandon Reed, John Rosengren, Michael
26 Salazar, Matt Skrmetta, and Sean Whiteside; and Players: Glen
27 Barker, Scott Bream, Tarrik Brock, Raul Casanova, Frank
28 Catalanotto, John Cotton, Jamie Dismuke, Sean Freeman, Luis
29 Garcia, Terrel Hansen, Keith Kimsey, Kevin Lidle, Scott
30 Makarewicz, Justin Mashore, Tony Mitchell, Phil Nevin, Clyde

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1 Pough, David Roberts, Tom Schmidt, Billy Thompson, and Bubba
2 Trammell, and

3 WHEREAS, the Suns hold Southern League records for Most
4 Home Runs in a Season, 200; Most Extra Base Hits in a Season,
5 473; Most Times Hit by a Pitch in a Game, 5; and Most Times
6 Hit by a Pitch in a Season, 79; have been in the playoffs a
7 record ten times; and have been in the finals six times, and

8 WHEREAS, the Suns won both the first half of the season
9 and the second half of the season before going on to claim the
10 1996 Southern League Championship three-games-to-one in the
11 finals against the Chattanooga Lookouts, and

12 WHEREAS, the Bragan Family and the Jacksonville Suns
13 have brought positive recognition to the City of Jacksonville,
14 and the community is very proud of their accomplishments, NOW,
15 THEREFORE,

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17 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
18 Florida:

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20 That the Florida House of Representatives hereby
21 recognizes and commends the Bragan Family and the Jacksonville
22 Suns for their generous community spirit and outstanding
23 athletic achievement, demonstrated by winning the 1996
24 Southern League Championship, and hereby expresses its
25 appreciation to both the Bragans and the Suns for the positive
26 recognition they have brought to their community and for their
27 continuing efforts to provide wholesome family recreation for
28 the citizens of Duval County.

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